

destroyed the prospects of the Opposition, and that LAUDER will find by impartial self-examination.

After recess ABRAHAM declared that the people should be consulted. They will be, all too soon for many in the present House—in January. A question of veracity arose between McKELLAR and LAUDER. We should think that neither of them has ever been "at the bottom of a well."

Boulton drew a bolt on the Ministry and shot it with unerring precision. The object certainly is a political one; but its time for the people of Ontario to consider the conundrum, "what are politics." They cannot find an answer in the Legislature. He declared his intention of opposing the Bill with all his might at every stage. His mite will not be worth a farthing.

McMANUS thought the arrangement the best that could have been made; and so it seems, looking through Mowat's spectacles.

Crismon and Mowat thought the Tories should be satisfied with the creation of a constituency which they are sure to carry. But the Tories in getting one lose five, and they would rather reverse the proportion.

The member for Peel provoked a peal of laughter by acknowledging a Tory paradise. Where do good Grits go?

The Bill was read second time.

A number of second readings of Private Bills closed the business and the Speaker closed the sitting.

Flirting Considered.

THE flirt, male and female, is a plentiful animal. It is a compound of vanity, mischief and heartlessness. Some imagine that a narrow mind is an essential qualification. This is only partially true; for the flirt must of necessity be blessed with a fair share of mental power, observation and tact. The game of flirtation is really a contest of minds, in which the stronger throws a sort of mesmeric influence over the weaker. The mind of the flirt, therefore is not to be despised; and were the faculties wasted in gratifying a vain love of admiration devoted to something higher and nobler, much good might be accomplished. Indeed, we have no doubt that there have been cases of benefits arising and whole-some, though severe, lessons taught from the gallant game, when carried on with such a purpose in view by one of the players. It is a species of gambling in which the loser is the gainer, in the same manner that the victim of the three-card monte trick is the better for his loss; for though he may feel it deeply for the time, he will soon get over his grief and anger, and ultimately come to the only sensible conclusion, that he was fortunate in getting off so cheaply as he did, with a well-taught lesson to consult the dictates of common-sense in all future transactions. The fool has been made wiser, and that is a point gained, not only to himself, but to the world. But there is an axiom in political economy, that wherever there is a gain there must be a consequent loss. Hence of the victim to the gainer, we expect a loss to some one else. The other player loses,—loses not only the admiration, respect and good-will of the victim, which are always something; but also a certain amount of self-respect, which is much more. Let us to our consideration: The stronger mind can have no difficulty in winning the admiration of the weaker. It is done for mere amusement, and the admirer is considered weak, and laughed at as a simpleton for bestowing the homage sought. The easier the conquest the greater the fool, of course; but the conquest once effected the same end is reached, and the conqueror has only left the assurance that he, or she, has been amused, pleased and gratified by a fool's folly. Instead of honor it is dishonor: instead of an ascent it is a descent. Considered as the offspring of malice, (which it seldom is,) flirtation partakes of the fendish; considered in the light of a pleasure, it shows us two fools, and it is difficult to determine which is the greater, though we know which is the more excusable. In any event the game is degrading, and destruction of that healthy self-respect which makes the true man or woman.

Flirt if you will, wickedly or wantonly; but remember you therefore become either fiend or fool.

A Magnanimous Offer.

We give the following advertisement, taken from the *Globe* of last Tuesday, under the head of "Situations Vacant," a free insertion:

CLERK, who can loan his employer \$300 on security. Wages \$10 per week. Box —, *Globe* Office.

In the interest of the advertiser we suppress the number of that box. The applicant who has the good fortune to be able to lend his employer three hundred dollars, and does so, may fairly be considered in the light of a silent partner. The business, whatever it may be, is evidently based on co-operative principles. And only think of the salary! Ten dollars per week! Security for the salary is not mentioned. That, however, is merely a secondary consideration; but judging from the general character of the advertisement, it would not

be a matter of much surprise to us if the successful candidate finds he has got into the wrong box.

Next week we may expect to read something of this kind:—

AN EMPLOYER doing a large business, but with limited capital, would be happy to receive a Clerk in his office and initiate him into Counting-house duties free of charge, in exchange for board in a Christian family. References required. Address —

A Pattern Paragraph.

THOUGH the author of the following model notice assures us that it is "perfectly original," we have an idea that we have seen it somewhere before, though we cannot tell exactly where. We have scoured it at enormous expense, and produce it as a specimen of the style for 1875, for the benefit of newspaper reporters throughout the Dominion. We expect that our enterprise will be amply rewarded, and that newspapers generally will use it either as a whole or in part, once or oftener during the coming year. Thus we hope to earn the gratitude and good-will of the fourth estate, and trust to receive from all some practical recognition of the service we thus render them. GRIP having produced a notice for the benefit of all, the very least they can do is to each reciprocate by producing a notice for GRIP's benefit. We will be abundantly remunerated if GRIP is merely mentioned whenever a newspaper uses any of the words or copies the style of this specimen brick:—

TEA-MEETING IN SOCIALVILLE.—According to previous announcement a Tea Meeting was held on Thursday evening last at this place, in the large and commodious Temperance Hall, kindly lent for the occasion. The weather was all that could be desired, and by the time the hour arrived for opening the meeting the spacious building was filled to its utmost capacity. A large quantity of provisions provided by the ladies was then served in good style, and partaken of with much apparent relish. After ample justice had been done to the good things (for which the ladies of this place are justly celebrated) the edibles were cleared away, and J. Jones, Esq., was unanimously elected to fill the chair, which he did in a very able manner. The chairman made a brief but very appropriate speech in which he stated the object of the meeting, and then called on the deservedly popular choir for some music. The Rev. Mr. Smith, resident pastor, was then called upon to address the meeting, which he did in his usual happy style. As several of the gentlemen expected did not put in an appearance, Messrs. Brown, Black, and White were respectively called to the platform, all of whom gave short, humorous, and interesting speeches. The choir, under the able leadership of Prof. Grey, rendered some very choice selections of music. The speeches throughout were of the right kind and were well received. Miss Primrose presided at the organ with her usual ability. A vote of thanks was then tendered the chairman for his efficient services, to the choir for the sweet music discoursed, and to the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea. The National Anthem was then sung, and this interesting meeting was closed by Rev. Mr. Smith pronouncing the benediction.

Croaks and Pecks.

THE Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway has issued an order to the effect that employees must use passengers' baggage as if it were their own. Isn't this giving them rather too much liberty in the use of other people's property? And will not baggagemen argue that they have a right to do what they like with their own, and continue to do as they please with baggage, thus treating it as if literally their own?

THE *London Free Press* tells of a hen which "in July last was as black as a coal, and very recently has donned (?) a plumage as white as snow," and then asks, "Will the eggs also change color?" They certainly will, if the owner keeps them long enough.

THE *Chatham Planet* with reference to the RYKERT scandal says, "the evidence when all gathered, will be brought before the House, and then probably the whole matter will drop," then closes with the puffy remark, "out brief candle!" Now, it's too wicked to be brief; and even "Blowhard" RUFUS, can't put it out so readily as he no doubt wishes. We fancy we see a "death's mask" in the midst of the flame. As the "candle" sadly needs trimming we expect the *Planet's* next announcement will be that "CHARLEY is up to snuff."

THE WHOLE ESSENCE OF PARLIAMENT.—Municipal Evaporation.

THE WASHERWOMANS' LAMENT.—Why was the water turned off on Monday?—GRIP's answer—On Tuesday you ought to know, my dear, that the Water Works' fellows had a small triumph.

THE HOUSEKEEPER'S LAMENT.—Why was the water turned off on Monday?—GRIP's answer—(dictated from the City Council and from thence down to the Legislative Assembly and from thence to—) Go and ask!!!